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TOPPING SAW SUTILOV AGAIN TODAY AT LATTER'S INSISTENT REQUEST BY AGREEING TO LUNCH IN WEST BERLIN. SUTULOV WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE NIKOLAI BULDAKOV, WHO DESCRIBED SELF AS MEMBER EAST BERLIN SOVEMB PRESS SECTION. (BULDAKOV NOT LISTED ON LATEST SOVEMB PROTOCOL LIST.)

SUTULOV STATED HE HAD READ IN WEST PRESS THAT U.S. REPLY TO SOV NOTE RE BERLIN WOULD BE MADE ABOUT DEC 30. HE SAID SOVS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A "BAD THING" IF U.S. REPLY DELIVERED BEFORE MIKOYAN GOES TO WASHINGTON--THAT IF U.S. REPLY PRECEDES VISIT THERE MIGHT NOT RPT NOT BE MUCH FOR MIKOYAN TO TALK ABOUT ON BERLIN, THOUGH THERE WOULD OF COURSE BE OTHER THINGS MIKOYAN WOULD HAVE TO TALK ABOUT. BULDAKOV CHIMED IN TO AGREE WITH WHAT SUTULOV HAD TO SAY REGARDING TIMING OF U.S. REPLY.

SUTULOV INSISTED THAT SOV NOTE DOES NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT ULTIMATUM BUT IS SIMPLY PROPOSAL TO BRING BOTH SIDES "TO TABLE FOR DISCUSSION". TOPPING REPLIED HE REGARDED SOV NOTE AS ULTIMATUM BECAUSE AT END OF SIX MONTHS PERIOD EAST GERMAN

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WOULD PRESUMABLY TAKE OVER CHECKPOINTS AND THIS WOULD CREATE DANGEROUS SITUATION. WHY, ASKED SUTULOV, WHEN EAST GERMANS WOULD "CONDUCT SELVES EXACTLY AS SOVS HAVE DONE IN THE PAST"? FURTHER DISCUSSION REVEALED OBVIOUS CONCERN ON SUTULOV'S PART THAT ALLIES MIGHT USE FORCE.

AGAIN ZAKHAROV STATEMENT WAS DISCUSSED (OURTEL 445 TO BONN, 501 TO DEPT). TOPPING OBSERVED THAT ZAKHAROV HAD GONE BEYOND PROVINCE OF A MILITARY COMMANDER AND HAD ENTERED POLITICAL FIELD. SUTULOV WAS INSISTENT THAT ZAKHAROV STATEMENT REPRESENTED SOLELY A REPLY TO GEN HODES' NOV 30 PRESS CONFERENCE.

ON TAKING LEAVE, SUTULOV ASKED TOPPING IF HE COULD SEE HIM AGAIN AFTER CHRISTMAS.

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